

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

Subject : Schedule for bye-elections to fill the casual vacancies in the Legislative Assemblies of Uttarakhand, Bihar, Punjab and Tripura.

There is a casual vacancy in each of the State Legislative Assembly of Uttarakhand, Bihar, Punjab and Tripura which need to be filled up early. After taking into consideration various factors like requirement of Forces, festivities, position of electoral rolls, etc., the Commission has decided to hold bye-elections to fill up the vacancies indicated below:-

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number and Name of Constituency
1.	Uttarakhand	42-Kapkot A.C
2.	Bihar	186-Fatuha (SC) A.C
3.	Punjab	36 - Nur Mahal A.C
4.	Tripura	8-Town Barowali AC

The Programme to hold the said bye-election shall be as under:

Event	Date
1. Issue of Notification	04.05.09 (Tuesday)
2. Last date of making Nominations	11.05.09 (Monday)
3. Scrutiny of Nominations	12.05.09 (Tuesday)
4. Last date for withdrawal of Candidature	14.05.09 (Thursday)
5. Date of Poll	28.05.09 (Thursday)
6. Counting of Votes	01.06.09 (Monday)
7. Date before which election shall be completed	05.06.09 (Friday)

ELECTORAL ROLL

The electoral rolls w.r.t. 01.01.2009 as the qualifying date as per pre – delimitation order in Uttarakhand, Bihar, Punjab and Tripura have been revised and published.

ELECTORNIC VOTING MACHINES (EVMs)

The Commission has decided to use EVMs in these bye-elections in all the polling stations. Adequate numbers of EVMs have been made available and all steps have been taken to ensure that the poll is conducted smoothly with the help of these machines.

IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS

In consonance with the past practice, the Commission has decided that the voter's identification shall be mandatory in the aforementioned bye-elections at the time of poll. In order to ensure that no voter is deprived of his/her franchise, if his/her name figures in the Electoral Rolls, separate instructions will be issued to allow additional documents for identification of voters at the time of poll in these bye-elections.

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Model Code of Conduct shall come into force with immediate effect in the district (s) in which the whole or any part of the Assembly Constituency going for bye-election are included. The Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all candidates, political parties and the State Government. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government as far as these States are concerned.

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